

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicant, through their attorneys, hereby affirms election of claims 1-4, 8-11, 23-30, 34, and 35 (Group I) corresponding to Figures 2-4B, as required by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in the application. Claims 15-22, 36, and 38-48 have been previously canceled. Claims 5-7, 12-14, 31-33, and 37 have been withdrawn by this amendment.


Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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